By the King.

A Proclamation for auoiding the consumption of Coyne and Bullion.

WHereas the Kings Maiestie, by sundry Proclamations, did heretofore restraine and forbid the vnlawfull melting and fining of Gold and Siluer, and the making of Gold and Siluer Threed, Gold and Siluer Foliat, and other like Manufactures, and not finding the effect, which his Highnes aymed at, did grant a Charter of incorporation to the Gouernour, Assistants, and Comminalty of Gold-Wyerdrawers of the citie of London, hoping, by reducing those Trades vnder order and gouernment, to auoyde the vnnecessary wast and consumption of Coyne and Bullion within this Realme: But his Maiestie hauing fully vnderstood, alwell by the complaint of his Commons in the late Session of Parliament, as vpon diligent triall, and examination of that businesse by the Lords of his Priuie Counsell, that not onely the said Corporation (which is thereupon reuoked and declared to be void) but also the manufacture of Gold and Siluer Threed, Gold and Siluer Foliat, Purles, Oes, Spangles, and other like, are vnfit to be continued within this Realme; his Maiestie is resolued to abolish the said Manufactures, and to put in execution the good and wholesome Lawes of this Realme, against those, and other like meanes, of the consumption of Coyne and Bullion in this Kingdome; And therefore his Maiestie doeth hereby straitly charge and command, that no Finer of Gold or Siluer, nor Parter of the same by fire or water, from henceforth allay no fine Siluer, nor Gold, nor none sell in any other wise, ne to any person or persons, but onely to the Officers of his Maiesties Mints, Changes and Goldsmithes, within this Realme, onely for the augmentation, and amending of Coyne and Plate; And that no Finer nor Finers, Parter nor Parters, sell to no person any manner of Siluer, in Masse, molten and allaied, And that no Goldsmith within this Realme, melt or allay any fine Siluer, but onely for making of Amelles, and for amending of Plate, to make it as good as Sterling, as by the Statute in that case is prouided; nor that they sell no fine Siluer, nor other Siluer allaied, molten into Masse, to any person or persons whatsoeuer, nor one Goldsmith to another, but that the Statute in this behalfe, made in the fourth yeere of the Reigne of his Maiesties most noble Progenitor, King Henry the seuenth, bee in all points duely obserued and kept, vpon paine, that euery person offending to the contrary shall incurre his Maiesties high indignation, and such punishment, as by the Lawes, or his Maiesties Prerogatiue Royall, may bee inflicted for such misdemeanour and contempt.

Giuen at our Court at Wansteede, the tenth day of July, in the two and twentieth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.

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